

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Monday Morning, Dec. 14, 1868.
TO ADVERTISERS.
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The long overdue statement of "Self-Reliance" reached us some ten days ago; but we are only enabled to find room for it to-day. The writer shows—we are bound in candor to say—clearly, that there has been a saving of \$161,316 in the expenditure of the united civil list for 1868 as compared with the expenditures of the Colonies when separate in 1865;—nor is this all. He shows that the expenditure of the present fiscal year will be \$64,926 less than was required for the support of the Mainland alone in 1865. But, he nowhere in his letter institutes a comparison of the population to prove that the expense of governing *per capita*, even as reduced, is not as great in 1868 as it was in 1865. Furthermore, he fails to make it clear that the expense of governing the Colony might not be materially reduced and at least one-half the amount now paid out in salaries devoted to the improvement and advancement of public works. The figures of "Self-Reliance" furnish a strong argument in favor of a continuance of the Union, and nothing more; but he produces the very best answer to his complaint that the Government has been wrongfully charged with extravagance when he wisely says, "the more the people know of the financial condition of the Colony in which they have cast their lot the better." Who has been to blame, we ask, for the ignorance of its financial condition in which the Colony has long been kept? Have "the people" withheld statistical information for years such as "Self-Reliance" produces, or has the Government? It is the people and Government are "to work together for the common good," why not give the people a chance to work? Why not let "the people" know more frequently how their accounts stand? Why not call representatives of "the people" into the Council as advisers to his Excellency instead of selecting them from a certain class of citizens and officials? It is exactly what the people have been and are awaiting—an opportunity "to work together" with Governor Seymour. Does "Self-Reliance" guarantee that the opportunity will be afforded them?

"Free Trade's" letter this morning enunciates a good principle; but how on earth he expects to bring it into practice with the present system of Government, we confess we are unable to discover. The less commerce is shackled with Customs' duties, the better for any community; but two systems distinct in themselves in one Colony for creating a revenue for the support of an expensive and unwieldy Government would never do. Free Trade on the Island would crush agriculture first and our infant manufactures next and drive both to the mainland, where protected by a tariff they could supply our miners with their products and fabrics and send the surplus here to underseal the importer. What we want here—always supposing Reciprocity to be impossible—is one commercial system for both sections—a system that will protect the farmer, the miller, and the manufacturer, and open wide the door to goods of the character that Free Trade and other able writers have recommended. But before we can obtain it, we must have a simpler and cheaper form of Government and rely upon what it is claimed will be the result—an increased "area of taxation"—to meet any deficit that may occur.

The Runaway Ship.
Dec. 12th, 1868.
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—I beg to correct your report of the case of Muir vs Macdon. In the first place there was no order made on the application against the Solicitor and that application was withdrawn from the consideration of the Court. In the second place Mr McCright and Mr Walker did not appear for the defendant but for Mr Drake and the result of the proceedings is that Messrs Muir, instead of getting \$3085, the amount they claimed, only got, including costs, \$600 payable in account in China and different bills of lading signed to those signed two months ago by the Captain and refused.
I am, &c,
M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

We should not suffer from a cough, which a few doses of AYERS' CHERRY PECTORAL will cure. Time, comfort, health, are all saved by it.

New Advertisements.
CHRISTMAS AND
New Year's Gifts.
The undersigned desires to inform the Public that he has lately received a Large Assortment of Goods,
Expressly for the Holidays.
CONSISTING OF
Gold and Silver Watches,
CHAINS,
Jewelry of the Latest Patterns.
SILVER PLATED-WARE
COMPRISING:
Tea and Coffee Sets, Cake Baskets,
Napkin Rings, Cups, Ladies' Port-
monnais, Card Cases, &c.
Gift & Bronze Parlor Mantle Clocks,
OPERA & FIELD GLASSES,
OPTICAL GOODS, &c.
Also, a great variety of
FANCY ARTICLES,
ALL SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
The whole of which will be sold
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
22- CALL AND EXAMINE.
WM. G. JAMIESON,
(Next door to the Colonial Hotel),
GOVERNMENT STREET. del1

RAILS AND POSTS TO SPLIT, AT
Cleveland, V. D.
Apply on the Premises to A. J. TOLMIE, or in Town to
STAFFORD & HICKIN, Butchers, Government street. del2
Threshing Machine
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
One Russell's 30 in. Separator, and
Russell's 10 Horse Power and Jack,
Complete.
FINDLAY & DURHAM.
del2 1m


NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
A Special Petty Session of Her Majesty's Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Victoria and Districts adjacent thereto, will be held at the Police Court, Victoria, on Thursday, the 24th instant, at the hour of twelve noon, for the purpose of granting Licenses to such persons as may be desirous of selling Wines, Spirits, &c., by Wholesale and Retail during the ensuing Half-year.
A. THEAKSTON,
Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates,
Police Court, Victoria, Dec. 11th, 1868. del2

A Grand Concert
Will be given at the
ALHAMBRA HALL,
BY THE
ST. JOHN'S CHORAL SOCIETY,
ON THE EVENING OF
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd,
in Aid of the BUILDING FUND of the ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Programmes and Particulars in a few days. del1

Notice to Carpenters and Builders.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAS LUMBER
for Sale at the Lowest Market Prices. This lumber will be delivered at Muir's Mill, Sooke, or in this city, in large or small quantities, and at any dimensions required.
L. LOWENBERG,
Government street. del1

Don't Get Burnt Out!
D. SPENCER
IS CLEARING OUT HIS
DAMAGED STOCK
OF
Books, Stationery
AND TOYS.
—ALSO—
ALL THE NEW GOODS
PER "PRINCE VICTOR,"
AT LONDON PRICES,
FOR CASH ONLY.
FORT STREET, CORNER BROAD.
del1

Cigars! Cigars! Cigars!
PRIZES TAKEN AT THE
PARIS EXHIBITION.
KEYSER & LOWENBERG
Have just received one of the FINEST ASSORTMENT of
CIGARS
EVER IMPORTED TO THE COLONY.
The BRANDS of the STOCK now offered by Messrs K. & L. at their STORE,
Alhambra Buildings, Government st.,
Took the Principal Prizes at the Late Paris Exhibition.
Connoisseurs would do well to give this Establishment a visit if they want a Real Genuine Article. del0

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New Advertisements.
For Sale,
EX ACTIVE,
IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.
600 qr sacks Imperial Flour, Extra
400 qr sacks Standard Flour, Extra
400 qr sacks Salem Flour, Extra
400 sacks Choice Oats
300 sacks Seed Wheat
200 sacks Shorts
100 bxs Choice Apples.
By R. BRODRICK,
del1 UNION & CITY WHARVES.

Crushed Sugar
200 Half Barrels.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Candles
Taylor's and Price's Celebrated Candles, in 25 lb Boxes.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Soap
English Brown, of Extra Quality, in 56 lb Boxes.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Oatmeal
Finest Scotch, in Tins.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Colman's Mustard
J. & J. Colman's, Best Quality, in ½ lb and 1 lb Tins.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Colman's Starch
J. & J. Colman's English Starch.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Oilmen's Stores
Jams, Jellies, Sauces, Fancy Biscuits, Pie Fruits, Curries
Powders, Anchovies, Arrowroot, Sage, Tapioca.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Hemp Carpeting
A few Bales, just received, and
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Grain and Coal Sacks
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Manilla Cordage
Assorted Sizes.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Glassware
Of Superior Quality; Decanters, Carafes, Tumblers,
Wine Glasses, &c.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

Perfumery
A Large Assortment of John Gossnell & Co.'s Celebrated
Perfumery—Consisting of, Soaps, Essences, Lavender
Water; also, Brushes and Combs, Cherry Tooth
Paste, &c.
For Sale by
JANION, RHODES & CO.

FLOUR.
Standard and Imperial
Brands.
FOR SALE BY
THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEIDT,
WHARF STREET. del 1m

THOS. CAMERON,
COACH & WAGON BUILDER,
Farriery & Blacksmithing,
HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of Bullock and Six Mule Team Wagons, of the best
material, for sale.
CORMORANT STREET.
del0

LECTURE.
HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF
Columbia will give the First of a Series of Lec-
tures in aid of the Building Fund of St. John's School
House, on MONDAY NEXT, the 14th inst., at 8 o'clock,
p. m.
Subject—"BRITISH INDIA."
On this occasion, for the first time in the Colony, will
be used the Magnificent Oxyhydrogen Lantern, with a
disc of 24 feet, to illustrate the principal Scenes of the
Lecture.
Single Tickets, \$1 00 each.
Family Tickets (including four persons), \$2 00.
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NOTICE
ESQUIMALT ROAD BRIDGES.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS,
it will be necessary to close the Bridge across "The
Arm" against Vehicles, for about four days, commencing
from Monday morning, the 14th instant, but passengers
on foot or on horseback will not be prevented from
crossing.
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
Lands and Works Office, Victoria, Dec. 8th, 1868.
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TEA MEETING.
THE ANNUAL TEA OF THE WESLEYAN
Church, of Victoria, will be held D. V., in the ST.
NICHOLAS HALL, DEC. 16th. Tea to be served at
6½ p. m. After which, the audience will be entertained
with choice Music from the Choir, under the accomplished
Chorister Miss Wilson, Esq., and Speeches for the times
both from Rev. and Lay-Gentlemen.
A general invitation is extended, and a splendid Tea
Meeting anticipated. Tickets, \$1 50 each. del7

Henry Nathan, jr., & Co.
HENRY NATHAN JR. & CO
OFFER
FOR SALE,
EX PRINCE VICTOR,
FROM LONDON.

500 bxs Price's Belmont Sperm
Candles
Olive Oil, pts and qts
Pickles, pts
Sultanas
Figs, Large and Small Boxes
Currants
Raisins, Extra, Whole and qrs
Vinegar, Malt, in qr casks
Meats and Soups, Assorted
Sardines, Albert's, blvs and qrs
Salt, Liverpool
Sal. Soda
Grain Sacks, and 2 Bushel Bags
Twine, Assorted, &c., &c.

Chain
¾, ¾ and ¾ Chain, with Test Certificates
Anchors, with Test Certificates
Sheet Lead
Shot and Ball
Yellow Metal Sheathing, from 14 oz
to 20 oz, and Nails, &c., &c.
Barbour's Shoe Thread, No 10,
Bleached

Blankets
Blue, Red and Black, 2½ Point
9-4 and 10-4 White
Green

Horrickses' Long Cloth, 36 in
Grey Cottons
Dark and Fancy Print, in great
variety
Croydons, Forfars
Chintz, Quilts, Gingham, Scarlet
Flannel, Coburgs, Camlets
Black Alpaca and Coburgs
Colored and Fancy Dress Goods.

Shawls
Wool, Tasmania, Striped, Saxony
Jackets, Cloaks and Mantles,
Assorted
Mohair Over-Skirts
French Merinos and Poplins
Cambric Hdkfs, Silk do, Black
and Colored Band and other
Trimmings, Needles, Gloves,
Buttons, Thread, Assorted
Colors, &c., &c.

Suits, Pilot and Tweed
Felt Hats
Hosiery, Assorted Woollen and Cotton
White Shirts, Comforters, Black
Cloth, &c., &c.
Baltic Shirts, with and without Collars,
Boys' and Mens', a Large Assortment
Inverness Capes, Blue Pilot, Black
Beaver, Boys' and Mens'
Pilot Cloth Trowsers and Vests
Cotton and Regatta Shirts
Waistcoats, Black
Trowsers, Heavy Black, Tweed, Ribbed
and Fancy Doe, &c.
Neckties, Umbrellas, Silk, Cotton
and Alpaca
Boys' Suits, &c., &c.

Port, Hunt's 4 Diamond, very Superior
Sherry, Duff, Gordon, very Superior, Dry
Martell, in Case and Bulk

ALSO
Old Tom, Swaine, Boorde & Co's, Case
and Bulk
Rum, Jamaica, 30 over-proof
Gin, Green and Red Case, and in
Bulk, J D R Z
Orange Bitters, Swaine, Boorde & Co's
Scotch Whisky, &c., &c.

Groceries,
A FULL ASSORTMENT.
EX ROBT. COWAN,
FROM HONOLULU.
300 kegs No. 2 Sandwich Island Sugar
Henry Nathan, Jr. & Co.,
WHARF STREET, VICTORIA.
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Clothing, Dry Goods, &c.
Scotch House.
A. M'LEAN & CO.
Beg to intimate that their STOCK is now Complete, with a
LARGE AND CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF
Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery,
GLOVES & HATS of every Description.
—ALSO—
BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.
All of which are Imported direct, and which they offer remarkably Cheap.
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To Visitors from California, Oregon,
the Sound, &c.
AT
VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS,
VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles
The Goods being Imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White and Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c., also on
Hand in Great Variety.
no27 **Wm. DENNY, Manager.**

SPROAT & CO.,
OFFER
FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
GOODS.
JUST RECEIVED,
EX "PRINCE VICTOR,"
FROM LONDON,
IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

Brandy, in Bulk, Hennessy's, sup'r Pale	Ginger Brandy, do do
Martell's do Old	Candles, Hales' 6's, in 25 lb boxes
in Case, Martell's, Hennessy's,	Price's Belmont do do
Jules Robin & Co's, Tribot,	Soap, Best London Pale, in 60 lb boxes
Fils & Co's.	Pickles, Crosse & Blackwell's, pints
Rum, Fine Old Jamaica, in phns, high pf	Batty's
Demerara, in hhd's & bbls do	Onions, Batty's White
Whisky, Camlachie, pure malt, blk & cs	Vinegar, Batty's Amber
Petrie's fine Highland	Slee Slee & Co's No. 24, in cks
Jopp's, Aberdeen	Robinson's Oatmeal, in 25 lb tins
Old Tom, Swaine, Boord & Co's, in case	do Patent Groats, 4 doz cases
and bulk	do Barley, 4 doz cases
Gin, in Red and Green cases, J. D. K. Z.	do Pearl Barley, 1 cwt casks
Ale, Bass', bottled by Byass	do Sago, Tapioca, St. Vincent,
Allsopp's, bottled by Byass & Friend	Arrowroot
Byass', Devenish	Capers, Olives, Sauce, Salad, Spices,
Porter, Byass', in qts and pts	Potted Meats, Tart Fruits, Jams
Byass' Brown Stout, in qts	and Jellies, in jars and glass-
Guinness' Stout, in qts and pts	bottles
Friend's Extra Dublin Stout, in	Sardines, in qr and hf tins]
qts and pts	Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce
Sherry, in bulk, Ronaldson's, different	"Stocker," "The" Sauce
qualities	Taylor, Brothers' Cocoa, Chicory Powder,
Port, do do do	Arrowroot, Mustard, Currants
Sherry, in case, Ronaldson's, very superior	Eleme Raisins
Hennessy's do	Nairn's Scotch Floor Cloth
Bridges & Sons' do	China Matting
Port, in case, Ronaldson's	Linseed Oil
Hennessy's	Paints, Red, Black and Green
Claret, Margaux, La Rose & St. Julien	White Lead, Nos. 1 and 2
Champagne, Creme de Bourzey and A.	Oakum
Collins'	Bunting
Cherry Cordial, Herrings'	Bagging
Orange Bitters, Swaine, Boord & Co's	Pig Iron, No. 1 Scotch Calded
Nov. 23rd, 1868.	

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A QUEER BLUNDER.—A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILOR WITH TWO SEATS.—In the proclamation announcing the names of the members of the new Legislative Council, Mr. Walkem was put down in the list as an appointee of the Government, and Mr. Humphreys as the selected member for Lillooet. Full returns from Lillooet just received announced the selection of Mr. Walkem over Mr. Humphreys by a majority of five. It therefore follows that Mr. Walkem, in accordance with procedure and custom, is entitled to represent Lillooet in the Council and throw up the seat he holds by appointment, a course which, for three reasons, we hope will be pursued;—1st, because Mr. Walkem and not Mr. Humphreys is the choice of a majority of the electors; 2nd, because Mr. Walkem's retirement from the seat to which he was appointed will enable the country to thoroughly test the value of His Excellency's liberal professions by affording him an opportunity to appoint a gentleman to the Council from the productive or mercantile class, from which the Government derives support; and 3rd, because Mr. Walkem's acceptance of the appointment has placed him in an unfortunate position before the public, with whom he has been hitherto deservedly popular.

RECIPROCITY.—THE OVERLAND RAILROAD. A letter from Mr. Waddington written at London under date of Oct. 28th, states that the Reciprocity petition from London merchants has been transmitted to Governor Seymour and the Canadian Government for their opinion thereon. The writer's new pamphlet has sold well in London; some 500 copies were disposed of in two weeks. Mr. Waddington had met the Canadian delegation, and was to have another interview in a few days upon the subject of the overland railway. The hope is held out that no Imperial guarantee of interest on the amount required to build the overland railway may be obtained from the new Parliament as a national measure, calculated to preserve the Eastern commerce of Great Britain, which is now endangered by the near approach to completion of the railroad through American territory.

The Portland Oregonian mentions the following pleasant little incident as having occurred lately in that city:—An evening or two since a gentleman was walking down Fourth street, when he passed some boys who were making considerable noise at play on the sidewalk. Just as he passed by, a little boy not more than six or seven years old, came out of a house near by and called out to the noisy crowd:—"I say, you boys! I wish you would keep still out there. We've got a new baby in here, and he's walked all the way from Heaven this afternoon, and he's very tired and we want to let him sleep. Now, please, won't you go away?" The appeal had the desired effect.

CARIBBO ITEMS.—By the arrival of the Enterprise on Saturday, we have the Caribbo Sentinel to the 28th Nov. Wm Winnard, an old resident and the builder of the first business-house in Barkerville, died suddenly on the 22nd. On the following day, Michael Carney was crushed to death by a mass of earth in the Bald Head claim. Several claims had got to work on William, Mosquito, Lightning, Grouse, Stevens and Keithley creeks, and Stout Gulch, with good results.

Our "wooden walls," once the delight and pride not only of sailors but of England, are rapidly passing away. The Agamemnon, that graceful among all graceful ships; the Queen, once looked upon as the finest three decker afloat; the Illustrious, with many a fond and kindly West Indian recollection clinging to her old timbers; and the Sutlej, once so popular in these waters as the flag ship of Admirals Kingcome and Denman, are all to be brought under the auctioneer's hammer.

The ship Bolivia, Capt. Shelley arrived from Burrard Inlet on Saturday, laden with lumber for Valparaiso. She will sail hence as soon as she can complete her crew. She left at the Inlet the barks Gem of the Ocean and Mary B Roberts, loading for San Francisco, and the Bark Prince Victor loading at Stamp's mill for Callao. At Moody's mill the ship Toppallant and bark Knowsley were taking in lumber for Callao.

The New Westminster paper has a sensational report of the stabbing of Frederick Murphy, by his brother Dennis, at the 141st Mile House. The facts as related to us are that a dispute arose about some property, and in a scuffle Frederick was slightly cut, but was not laid up an hour from the effects of the wound. A constable has gone up to arrest Dennis.

THE LECTURE.—The attention of the public is called to the lecture on "British India," to be given by His Lordship the Bishop, at 8 o'clock this evening, in St. John's School House. The subject is one of deep importance, involving such varied interests, that with the magnificent illustrations to be given, it may be fairly expected the lecture will be one of the most interesting of the season.

AS USUAL.—The report published in the New Westminster paper that Government checks were refused payment by the Bank of British Columbia is contradicted by Mr. W. C. Ward, the Manager. We are surprised that any statement emanating from a source so low should have been deemed worthy of notice, much less of contradiction.

The Sir James Douglas had not arrived from the East coast yesterday as expected.

MAJONIC FUNERAL.—The remains of the late J. W. Daisette were interred yesterday with Masonic honors. The procession was joined by a large number of citizens in their private capacity. Members of the Press, Telegraph Department, with Messrs John Dickson and Bobee as personal friends, acted as Pall Bearers.

Among the passengers who left New York by the mail steamer of Nov. 24th, were the newly gazetted Colonial Secretary Hankin and wife, and Mr. Edwin Russell, Manager of the Portland branch of the Bank of British Columbia.

This boiler of the Tiger steamer was brought up on the G. S. Wright, and the machine will be put together on Brodick's Wharf to-day.

The American ship Leonora is lying in Clallam Bay waterlogged by severe straining during the late gale. The steam-tug Columbia was sent yesterday to her relief.

To Fatten a Goose for Christmas, shut him up in a dark room and feed him with a quart of oats daily, thrown in a pan of water.

The steam tug Merrimack came over from Port Discovery yesterday afternoon.

WANTED.—Fifteen thousand of Ribben's Pacific Rail Road men for the consumption of Heywood's celebrated Pork Sausage, the Ellixir of Life. It has been admitted by all the Medical Students of the Theatre Royal that Heywood's Pork Sausage is the only safe and sure remedy for all prevailing complaints. Three links fried nicely brown and taken internally every morning for breakfast will relieve hunger and re-toile the hair to its natural color. These unequalled and remarkable sausages are kept at all respectable first class Hotels, Restaurants and Boarding houses. Go in, if you want black hair.

OVERLAND RAILWAY.—There are 15,000 men employed in the construction of the Overland Railway. It is encouraging to those who are in constant communication with the Eastern Markets to know of such an early prospect of greater future dispatch. Had this line been completed three months since, we should have been able before this date, respectively to call the attention of the public to the great variety of Styles, and the Choice Patterns of the best Sheffield Pocket Cutlery, Scissors, &c., ex-Bolivia.—T. N. HIBDEN & CO.

ANTI-DIVORCE. is the name of the newest style, Gains Neck Tie; these together with a Large Stock of Winter Clothing, Beaver Suits, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shaker and Oregon Underclothing, Boys' Suits, Shirts, Socks, &c., have just been opened out at ADAMS & BEAVER'S New Clothing Store, Government street, which they are selling cheap as usual.

NEW WINTER GOODS.—Received per Express yesterday at Victoria House their usual assortment of Fall Millinery, comprising the latest styles in Hats and Bonnets, Trimmings and flowers, Chignons and Head Dresses, &c. A case of choice Furs also received—embracing Sable, Gripe and other fashionable kinds. A few elegant articles suitable for presents, such as Trimmings, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Portmonnaies, Rattles, etc., also on hand.

"Self-Reliance" with Facts and Figures.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—In the course of several letters which I addressed you on the subject of Confederation I incidentally touched upon the present financial condition of the Colony and gave certain details pointing out how large a saving had been effected in the Civil List during the last four or five years. These figures were flatly contradicted in subsequent leading articles, my veracity called in question, and I was challenged to produce a detailed statement which would bear out the assertion I had made, namely, that a saving of over \$100,000 had been made in the Civil List, i.e., the Government of the United Colony in 1868 as against the two Colonies in 1865. I have appended a statement which will verify the assertion I made. It is prepared from the published financial statements of the Expenditure of the two Colonies for 1865, which, on reference to the Government Gazette of 1865, are open to everyone.

From this it appears that the reduction in the Civil List amounts to \$191,316, or \$61,316 more than I stated it to be. Furthermore the Civil List of the United Colony in 1868 is \$152,999, while of the Mainland alone in 1865 it was \$217,926, or the whole Colony is now governed by the sum of \$64,925 less than half of it cost to govern in 1865.

Another notable fact is that in the year 1865 there was raised by way of revenue, i.e., the people were taxed in British Columbia to the extent of \$610,780 and in Vancouver Island to the extent of \$189,953, making a total of \$800,733. This year the taxation will amount to \$576,000, or in other words, the burdens imposed on the people have since 1865 been actually lessened by the extraordinarily large amount of \$224,733. I wish distinctly to clear myself of the imputation cast upon me that my arguments were intended as a plea for officials. My only desire has been and is, that the real and not a false issue should be tried, that the people of the Colony should not be misled by the faulty representations of interested persons desirous of bringing the Government into disrepute. When the actual facts are known, it will then be open to all to act as they like and draw what conclusions they like. I deprecate any action being taken on, and any conclusion drawn from, false premises.

The more the people know of the financial condition of the Colony in which they have cast their lot, the better; but I stoutly resist the theory that it is beneficial to a country that its inhabitants should be misled and embittered against their Government by statements constantly and cleverly disseminated as to the wasteful extravagance of the

expenditure, the hordes of over-paid officials, and the fat offices on which they gorge themselves, without ever thinking of trying to do their duty by the country or attempting to earn their salaries.

To have prosperity in a country, the Government and the people must work together for the common good, and how is this practicable while the minds of the people are forever being stirred against their Government by misrepresentations, and the Government is being abused and vilified by the people? If anyone will point out the benefits resulting from such a state of things they will confer a favor on

SELF-RELIANCE.

CIVIL LIST, 1865.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Governor's Department.	
Private Sec., Messenger, Contingencies.....	\$22,715
Colonial Secretary.	
Four Clerks, Printing Department, 2 Messengers, Contingencies.....	21,205
Treasury.	
Four Clerks, Messenger, Contingencies.....	10,760
Chief Commr. of Lands and Works Depart.	
Assist. Surveyor, 4 Clerks, Messenger, Contingencies.....	12,770
Assay Office.	
Three Assistants, Contingencies.....	11,475
Customs.	
Two Clerks, Revenue Officer, Landing Waiters, Department Collector, Contingencies.....	15,945
Registrar General.	
One Clerk, Contingencies.....	2,950
Auditor General.	
One Clerk, Contingencies.....	4,120
Harbor Master.	
Contingencies.....	2,080
Postal Department.	
One Clerk, Contingencies.....	8,210
Inspector of Steamers.....	1,600
Legislative Council Clerk.....	2,215
Judicial.	
Judge, Attorney General, Clerk, Registrar, Contingencies.....	11,860
Police and Gaols.....	9,405
Gold Commissioners and Constables at Yale, Douglas, Lytton, Lillooet, Cariboo, Kootenay.....	80,715
Total.....	\$217,925

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Governor's Department.	
Private Sec., Messenger, Contingencies.....	\$15,754
Colonial Secretary.	
Two Clerks, Messenger, Contingencies.....	14,097
Treasury.	
Clerk, Assessor, Contingencies.....	7,957
Surveyor General.	
Assist. Surveyor, Clerks, Contingencies.....	9,945
Registrar General.	
Contingencies.....	2,425
Auditor General.	
Contingencies.....	1,200
Harbor Master.	
Contingencies.....	2,225
Postal Department.	
Contingencies.....	2,548
Legislative Council and Assembly.....	3,350
Judicial.	
Judge, Attorney General, Registrar, Police Magistrate, Contingencies.....	17,084
Police and Gaols.....	15,645
Total.....	\$95,390

UNITED COLONY, 1868.

Governor's Department.	
Private Sec., Messenger, Contingencies.....	\$21,950
Colonial Secretary.	
Act. Col. Sec. 2 Clerks, Messenger, Contingencies.....	12,560
Treasury.	
Three Clerks, Messenger.....	4,500
Auditor General.	
Two Clerks.....	6,950
Chief Comr. of Lands and Works.	
Assist. Surveyor General, 7 out-door Officers.....	8,470
Registrar General, B.C.V.I.	
Assistance in Office.....	16,065
Harbor Master.	
Contingencies.....	5,150
Post Office.	
Postmaster, Victoria; Clerk, N. Westminster.....	1,800
Legislative Council.	
Clerk, Messenger.....	900
Judicial.	
Two Judges, 2 Registrars, Attorney General, Clerk, Sheriff, Messenger.....	18,765
Police and Gaols.....	20,250
Gold Commissioners and Constables, Toll Collectors at Yale, Cariboo, Lillooet, Kootenay.....	35,080
Contingencies for various Offices.....	2,500
Total.....	\$152,999

RECAPITULATION.

Civil List of British Columbia, 1865.....	\$217,925
" Vancouver Island, 1865.....	95,390
Total.....	\$313,315
Civil List United Colony, 1868.....	\$152,999
Total Saving effected in the Civil List of the Colony since 1865.....	\$160,316

Free Trade and Taxation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—In my former letters I have endeavored to show that it would be the general advantage of the Colony if Vancouver Island was made a Free Port. I would now show how unfairly the present system of indirect taxation presses upon the community. It must be remembered that the \$80,000 which is about the amount paid in Customs' duties on the Island, is paid in the first place by the importer, and is an additional cost to the goods upon which he gets a profit. The retailer of the same goods also gets his profit upon the enhanced price, so that the cost of the goods to the consumer is probably increased 25 per cent. by the present duties—in other words, that the public pays \$100,000 for the \$80,000 received by the revenue. It follows therefore that by direct taxation the revenue would be increased by \$20,000 without increasing the burden of taxation; or the taxpayers might be relieved to that extent without diminishing the revenue. Again I would ask who now pays the taxes? It is answered, every one according to what he consumes. True, but under our present system of a protective policy which places the heaviest duties upon the necessities of life, each man pays according to his needs and not according to his means. Take the lowest possible dietary scale. The amount consumed by every man would cost yearly about \$30. Say it is possible he can be clothed at the cost of \$50 more, together amounting to \$140. The duty upon this would be about \$28. This may be taken as the lowest possible amount the most economical man can pay towards the expenses of the Government. But let us take the wages of a working man at \$50 per month, or \$600 per annum—the greater part of which is spent here—that man is taxed to the extent of at least \$100, about half of which amount goes to the general revenue; the remainder would represent the proportion extracted from the consumer, in order (as I think unfairly), to protect the interest of the producer. Now, we have

large holders of property who draw incomes from, but who do not reside in the Colony, who do not pay anything toward the revenue. Many others derive good incomes from property here, who pay little more than the laboring man. I remember at our late election that our present member, Mr. Drake, said he was interested in the Colony which he had made his home, and his children were his guarantee that for their sakes he would do his best for the general interest. I do not know whether he thought of it at the time, but no doubt that is the kind of property most heavily taxed on the Island. But, soberly to address myself to the question, I will presume that we are only taxed for the sake of revenue—that very few members of the community will now argue that duties ought to be placed on anything, in order that one or more classes of men should thrive at the expense of the general public. That that Government best does its duty to the people which endeavors most fairly to adjust the necessary taxation, and leaves each man liberty to follow such occupation as may seem to him most profitable, without endeavoring to foster one interest necessarily at the expense of another. And I assume also that it will be necessary still to raise the present amount of revenue, for even if the economy in the Administration which you advocate, and which is so desirable, is carried into effect, the amount saved thereby would be required for education, and for public works for the general good. And I say that the sooner the policy is changed which is weak by week reducing the area of taxation, which is reducing the most important city in the Colony to an insignificant market town, the better it will be, not only for the towns on Vancouver Island, but also for those classes for whom these towns must be the only markets.

Victoria, under the present policy, will be only an unimportant town, supplying the neighboring districts, and in return consuming their products. But with Free Trade—Victoria has a much more splendid future. A railway, with a terminus on Puget Sound once made, will attract to these waters an immensely increased trade, of which we may get a large share. The Straits of San Juan will in all probability become the highway for the trade of China and Japan; and though our American neighbors will have been able to be beforehand in the completion of a railway across the continent, yet it will be our own fault if we do not reap great benefit from their enterprise, and a fair share of profit from the traffic which will pass our doors.

The reduction of the duties on flour—the intermission of the duties on manufactured goods, as suggested in your leader of the 8th, which would be equivalent to giving free trade to the whole Colony, except in agricultural produce, is at present almost impossible. The system you propose would at once cut off two-thirds of the revenue derived from Customs, and the remaining third would rapidly decrease as the product of the Colony increased. This would make it necessary to apply a system of direct taxation to the whole Colony, which would be a difficult matter as far as the mainland is concerned—while the burden of indirect taxation (which would then be confined to the absolute necessities of life), would still press as heavily as ever on the workingman.

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AUCTION

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice
for V.I.—In Chancery.

Mitchell (since deceased) vs. Robb and another. Woods Administrator of Mitchell vs. same. And in re the Estates of Harrop, deceased, and of Mitchell, deceased.

Mr. J. A. McCREA has received instructions to sell, under the decree, dated the 12th day of August, 1867, in the above cause, at his Auction Room, Wharf street, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.

LOT 1—All that piece or parcel of Land known as Section No. (6) six on the Official Plan of Comox District, containing about 150 acres, with the Dwelling House and Farm Buildings thereon, formerly occupied and used by Mr. George Mitchell, since deceased, and also the new Frame Buildings, nearly complete, at a cost of \$700.

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LOT 2—All that piece or parcel of Land known as Section No. seven (7) on the said Plan, immediately adjoining the said last-mentioned lot, and containing about 107 acres. This land also is well worthy of notice, having been in part cultivated; the remainder may easily be brought under cultivation.

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The conditions of Sale may be seen, and all further particulars known on application at the Office of Robert Bishop, Solicitor for the Plaintiff and in the Estate of Mitchell, deceased, and Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Aikman, Solicitors for the Defendant, Bastion street, Victoria, Dated 5th December, 1868. de7

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J. P. DAVIES & CO. have been instructed by Rear Admiral the Hon. G. F. Hastings, C. B., Commander-in-Chief, to sell by Auction, Wednesday, December 16th, at 11 o'clock, a.m., at the Naval Yard, Esquimalt, Naval and Victualing Stores, damaged on voyage of importation, Ex Spirit of the Age, 670 yds No. 1 Blue Cloth, 525 yds Duck, 1014 yds Flannel, 1896 yds Blue Serge, 60 yds Blue Jean, 37 pms Mens' Stockings, 25 pms Boys' Stockings, 24 Shell Jackets, 5 Beds, 163 Blankets, 17 Bed Covers, 150 Towels, 112 Mens' Shirts, 150 sets Material for Trowers.

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